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## Los Medanos College Celebrates Diversity and Inclusion

Los Medanos College (LMC) kicked off their academic year with a new initiative aimed at promoting an environment of diversity, inclusion and civility within the campus community. As part of this initiative, LMC planned a variety of events and activities focused on 'treating people with dignity, understanding, and respect.

On November 13, 2017, LMC showcased their commitment to this theme with two events. First, at the *Achieve UC* event, an audience of over 70 Pittsburg and Antioch high school seniors listened to former NASA astronaut Jose Hernandez share his inspirational story. Hernandez overcame multiple challenges as a first generation college student from Stockton in order to graduate from a University of California (UC) school and become an astronaut. Hernandez told the students NASA rejected him 11 times, but he never quit, and was accepted the 12th time he applied. He went to space in 2009 - proof that perseverance pays off.

The *Achieve UC* event was hosted in partnership with the UC system, who have made recent efforts to broaden the diversity of their student body.

Later that evening, another LMC event aimed to further the conversation surrounding equity and diversity during their TEDx event, *The Future of Everything*. TEDx is a program of local, self-organized events that brings people together to share a TED-like experience and exchange ideas. At TEDx events, speakers share stories meant to spark deep discussion and connection. LMC's TEDx event featured a diverse group of speakers from varying backgrounds who shared their unique perspectives. Topics included cultural acceptance, conscious living, race relations, entrepreneurship and interpersonal relationships.

For more information and access to video of the event, please visit <http://www.losmedanos.edu/tedx/>.



LMC's TEDx attracted a diverse panel of speakers that included a comic and an international intelligence analyst (left to right): Al-Ameen Ishola, Dale Satre, Hannah Siddiqui, Hailey Solares, Briyanne Visaya, Nilton Serva and Nina G.



## Susan Lamb Selected As Diablo Valley College President

Following a nationwide search that began in May 2017, **Susan Lamb** has been selected as the eighth permanent president of Diablo Valley College (DVC). During the search, potential candidates were reviewed and four finalists were selected to participate in public forums.

“I was extremely impressed with all four finalists. They are all strong leaders with a unique skillset and experiences” said **Chancellor Fred Wood**.

“In the end, I chose Susan Lamb because of her deep understanding of the California community colleges and her understanding of both DVC and the District, having worked at both Contra Costa College and DVC in progressively complex administrative roles. In addition, we will benefit from her leadership experience as interim chancellor/president at City College of San Francisco where she successfully led that college through financially challenging times, the restoration of accreditation, and developed strong partnerships with the community. Those are major accomplishments, and we welcome her back to DVC and the District.”

Lamb will officially become president following the approval of her contract at the December 14, 2017, Governing Board meeting. “I am so pleased and humbled to be selected as the next president of Diablo Valley College,” said Lamb. “My last four years at City College of San Francisco gave me the opportunity to learn and grow as a leader, and I am now better prepared to lead DVC. I have deep respect and look forward to returning to this great college, and joining my colleagues to transform the lives of our students.”



*Susan Lamb*

## Contra Costa College Student Newspaper Wins Awards

Contra Costa College's student newspaper *The Advocate* is well known for its in-depth stories, dedicated writers and renowned alumni. This past fall, the student newspaper once again exceeded expectations after garnering 32 awards at the Journalism Association of Community Northern California Convention. The staff received awards across several categories including writing, photo, multimedia and layout/design with twelve different CCC students among the winners.

*The Advocate* continued its winning season in Dallas, Texas, at the College Media Association/Associated Collegiate Press (CMA/ACP) National College Media Convention, which is the largest annual gathering of college journalists in North America. At the convention, several staff members took home prestigious national honors including

Opinion/Sports Editor Rob Clinton's first place CMA Pinnacle Award for Best Entertainment Story, and Advocate Editor-in-Chief Roxana Amparo's ACP National Newspaper Pacemaker Award, and CMA Best Media Outlet of the Year, Two-Year College First Place award.

## District Welcomes New Employees

Please welcome the following new employees who were approved by the Governing Board in November.

### Regular Monthly Classified Employees

Location	Name	Title
LMC	Ninnette Alfaro	Program Assistant
DVC	Steven Faghih	Academic Scheduling Specialist

### Board Report

To review highlights of the Governing Board Meeting held on November 8, 2017, click on the link below:

[http://www.4cd.edu/crpa/board\\_reports/November%208,%202017.pdf](http://www.4cd.edu/crpa/board_reports/November%208,%202017.pdf)

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